

## ***NOW CONCERNING SPIRITUAL THINGS***

an historical account of one man's walk with God

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Boldly declaring the **new things** of Isaiah 42:9 and the **greater things** of John 14:12 in this generation

### **GOD'S TIME CLOCK ON THE RAPTURE REVEALED**

The apostle Paul gives the most complete description of the Rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4 with these words:

**13** But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

**14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

**15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

**16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

**17** Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

**18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Concerning the time of the Rapture, Jesus said, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."<sup>1</sup> But that excludes from man's knowledge only a twenty-four hour window concerning the time of the Rapture. Others in the past have predicted a time for this event only to be ridiculed at their failures.

I know someone, however, to whom the Lord Himself has given revelation on the timing of this event. Since His Word is truth, let's examine His revelation. The foundation for the revelation is based on the scriptures Amos 3:7, Isaiah 42:9 and John 14:12. In Jim Ash letter No. 126 I have written in some detail concerning the relevancy of these three scriptures when considered collectively. Therefore, I will only comment briefly on their collective relevancy here.

These three scriptures are the foundational platform from which a new era in the church will be launched. God is raising up a new breed of apostles who will have a "how to" and "when" ministry as prophets and teachers. Their ministry will be the fulfillment of John 14:12 based on the written word through revelation that comes by listening (hearing). To emphasize the importance of hearing His voice regularly, the "listening

ear" summons the Bridegroom from His bridal chamber.<sup>2</sup> The "listening ear" also commands the Commander of the army engaged in the world war that began before Earth One was destroyed "in God's fierce anger."<sup>3</sup>

The how to refers to the many things Jesus admonished us to do as recorded in the four Gospels without telling us in simple understandable terms how to accomplish them. For example, Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow Me."<sup>4</sup> How do you do that, expressed in simple understandable terms? Jesus called Satan the prince of this world. How does he control the world, or does he? Jesus said several times that these things, when seen by revelation, could be understood by a child.<sup>5</sup> How do you become a child with understanding?

The when refers to such things as when will the Rapture occur? When will Christ take His bride? When will the judgement seat of Christ occur? When will Christ return to earth?

The new breed of apostles God is raising up **will be given revelation on such things because they will have been taught to listen to the Lord's voice continually**. This is **NEW** for this time and this place in these last few years before the church vanishes from the earth.

Here, published for the first time in chronological order, is the way revelation on the timing of the Rapture was given to me.

About 10:30 A. M. On December 25, 2002, as Dale was preparing our Christmas meal prior to the arrival of guests, I went in to pray. After I had prayed for a short while, I began to pray in the spirit and that continued for a longer period of time than usual. As I did so, I realized that the Lord wanted to say something to me. I then picked up my pen and wrote these words:

#### **The Rapture Prophecy**

##### **December 25, 2002**

"My son, I see your need. I have heard your cry and my response is not overdue but on the way. For I await the timing of My response even as I awaited the timing of My coming as a babe in a manger, an unwanted place for My birth. Even as there was no room in the Inn, there is no room for Me in the hearts of

<sup>1</sup>Matthew 25:13.

<sup>2</sup>See Matthew 25:1-13.

<sup>3</sup>See Jeremiah 4:26.

<sup>4</sup>Luke 9:23.

<sup>5</sup>See Matthew 18:3, 4; 19:13, 14; Mark 10:14, 15; Luke 18:16, 17.

many today. And that is what grieves Me. I would that all of My servants would await My coming,<sup>6</sup> even as you, for it is that expectant awaiting of My coming that will hasten it.

“So remain faithful. Continue to do My bidding one day at a time, one step at a time, for that more than anything else will usher into being My soon return.

“As My servants *expect* My soon return, they will be and will remain, expectantly waiting and watching for Me. *And it is those whom I will call up to Me in the soon to come Rapture.* So be not dismayed, things are on course. You are on course. There is enough time to do all the necessary things in preparation for My soon return.

“Remember to be watchfully expectant of My soon return. ***For only those who are eager for My soon coming are chosen to be raptured.*** The complacent, the slothful, the unexpectant ones will be left behind. That does not mean they will not be saved, it means they will remain until I call those who will receive Me unto Myself, My kingdom.

“And that is why you are to be diligently about what I have called you to do. As you obey My calling and election on your life, you are unknowingly preparing for and hastening My soon return. My son, I rejoice with you this morning. My peace I bestow on you and those whom you receive as guests today, thus says the Lord of hosts.

“Remember, be of good cheer. I have overcome the world. *As you remain watchfully expectant of My soon return to claim My own, that is the sign of My soon coming.*

“Those who are watchfully expecting My soon return are those who are being so qualified to serve Me – to prepare them to return with Me to rule and reign for a thousand years.

“Remember, to be watchfully expectant of My soon return is the sign. Teach this, My son, for blessings to you and those whom you shall teach and those for whom you write.

“I am revealing to you secrets hidden from the foundation of the world, secrets that are now being made known to my servants, the prophets, of whom you are one.

“So tell these words to others. Proclaim it as My truth to a weary, hungry, lost and indifferent world – a world I long to clasp unto My bosom in love. But this may only be done as they first receive Me – My Holy Spirit within to first atone for sin. For it is only then that I may embrace them – have communion – fellowship with them, for if I should clasp them to Me now, the power and glory of My presence would destroy them, for to them I would be a consuming fire. This is why the earth will need to be cleansed by fire – My consuming

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<sup>6</sup>The terms, “My coming” and “My soon coming” are used synonymously eleven times in this prophecy. The terms do not refer to what is commonly called “the second coming of the Lord,” but instead they refer to the Rapture.

fire – to be cleansed and readied for the perfect eternal state. For only as I cleanse that which has been contaminated by sin, will the earth be prepared in its eternal state. The cleansing will be a cleansing of sin by the fire of My presence. This is the longing of My heart. So be of good cheer today. My peace I give you – I bestow upon you and your guests on this Christmas day. Enjoy My day for I am with you as you do so, says the Lord.

#### **“My son warn those who are complacent.**

Warn those who take commitment to Me carelessly, inattentively. Warn them to turn to Me in total commitment so I may give them My covenant<sup>7</sup> response. Let your warning be given in love. For there will be believers in Me who think not concerning the seriousness of their covenant with Me. **For My covenant is unto their death, if required, or it is not covenant.** That is why Jesus said, “Let the dead bury the dead.” That is why some did not follow Me seriously. They had other things to attend to – worldly things to attend to – and so they missed My call.

“It was expedient that I leave first so My Holy Spirit could be sent. It is expedient now that My followers be about My Father’s call and election on their life for that will allow them entry into the blessed communion with Me in preparation to return to rule and reign with Me. ***To those who will be caught up with Me, the time will be spent in preparation for rule. Assignments will be given, training will be done by the heavenly hosts in preparation to rule and reign with Me.***<sup>8</sup> As the raptured return with Me, each will be trained for his assignment and will assume his/her post for the Millennium. And that will be a glorious time for Me and for those chosen to come with Me.

“So continue to be faithful. Say, teach, write what I say to you. **Warn those who are not saved.** Admonish those who take their commitment to Me lightly, for there is a price to pay in commitment that some do not wish to pay. To those who hear, it will be the greatest investment they can make – an investment that will bring exponential returns – beyond their fondest dreams.

“I will give you revelation as you ask as My covenant partner – **I have no other choice.** I must respond to covenant needs even as do you. But covenant partners who understand and take covenant seriously are the most blessed ones.

“My son I am obligated to respond to covenant partners with Me – even as they are obligated to respond to

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<sup>7</sup>The word “covenant,” used nine times in this prophecy, is translated from the Hebrew word, **bryith**, pronounced “ber-eeth.” Strong’s #1285 definition is: “A compact made by passing between two pieces of flesh – confederacy – league.” Another definition of covenant is, “A blood binding oath whereby two parties agree to provide the needs of the other party, without restriction, upon request. In instituting the Lord’s Supper, Jesus said, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood.”

<sup>8</sup>This sentence and the preceding one in bold fonts partially describe the activities of those who are raptured during the seven-year period of time we are in the third heaven. Please realize this is only one of the NEW THINGS – only one of the HIDDEN THINGS – revealed in this letter. This is the first publication I know of that reveals both when the Rapture occurs and how those who are raptured will spend their time during the seven-year Tribulation.

Me. For that is covenant. But covenant obligations are blessings to both. For in covenant response there is blessing for both parties. And that is the purpose of covenant – blessings for both parties. **Tell this to My people. Proclaim to them My warning and My blessing that they may be set free, thus says the Lord God to you today, the Lord of hosts says to you. Amen.**

**“There will be believers who are left behind (at the Rapture) who are not watchfully, expectantly doing what God has called them to do.** Being born again is no guarantee of being raptured. Bring your tithes into My storehouse, says the Lord, tithes of your time, your money, your talents and your gifts. For only as you do so may I reach out and touch them, take them, bless them and return them to you exponentially blessed. For that is My desire for you. That is My call on all to respond to the blessings of My storehouse of treasures. For My storehouse is full to overflowing awaiting My response to your requests. Ask boldly, seek fruitfully, knock expectantly so as to receive in abundance, says the Lord.

“My son, I am mindful of your requests and they will come as you are able to receive them, thus says the Lord.”  
(end of prophetic word)

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After I learned to listen to the voice of God daily, He began to outline things He wanted me to do. Then one day in early April of 2004, I took a sheet of paper and listed everything He had put on my plate. After looking over the list, it was obvious that it would be impossible for a man in an eighty-four year old aging body to accomplish everything on that list. Prayer was the only answer. I seldom record my prayers unless they are new or unusual. Here are excerpts from that prayer my dilemma prompted me to pray:

#### **April 7, 2004 – a prayer of faith**

Dear Lord, it is my heart’s desire to serve you all the days of my life and to be fed with the Manna Who came down from heaven *until I want no more*. Lord, I desire more of You. I desire all of You that is possible for one to possess in this life. A fulfilled life is a life filled full of You. That’s what I want. That’s what I desire more than anything. That is my passion and my main reason for living. I desire all these things so that I may serve you and glorify your Name. That is the main reason I live.

For those reasons, I bring to your remembrance, I remind You, Lord, that You said, as recorded in Mark 11:24, “Whatsoever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them.” Based on Your word, which will not return void, but will accomplish what You please and prosper in the thing for which you sent it,<sup>9</sup> as Your covenant partner, I ask You to turn back my chronological age 15 years and to maintain it as it was 15 years ago and to give me full, firm, robust health for the remainder of my days until I am either raptured or called home by You, that I may serve you to the full. That and that alone will permit me to serve You as I desire. I now believe by faith that I have received this request from You and I thank You for hearing Me.

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth and keep watch over the door of my lips. Use me in whatever way You please

<sup>9</sup>See Isaiah 55:11.

to glorify Your Name, the Name that is above all names, places, times and things on the earth, above the earth and under the earth over which you are Lord of all. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

#### **October 9, 2004, excerpted from the rhema word received**

**“I am adding fifteen years to your life-span so you may participate to the full in My end-time blessings.** Do not be apprehensive about this. Look forward to it. I have prepared you for it. **I will supernaturally preserve your health and your wealth.**<sup>10</sup> There are other “firsts” on My list for you which I have prepared for you over the past years, for you see nothing I have allowed you to do – to experience – will be or has been wasted. I have caused many things to happen in your life for My selfish reasons. *Yes, My son, I am selfish – selfish for those loyal to Me – a righteous selfishness for My people, says God.*”

#### **November 10, 2004, excerpted from the rhema word received:**

“To prophesy and experience your own future is a new thing, My son. A new thing prepared for these end-times. You may now adjust your time table on My soon return accordingly. But this newly adjusted time-frame gives you and Me time to thwart the enemy. **In time I will give you a beginning date (time) for the last generation. Not the day nor the hour but a clear time-frame useful in your walk with Me.**

“Your boldness in prayer is a demonstration of your faith. When you fearlessly ask of Me bold things that will glorify Me, those are the requests I enjoy. When you also say, ‘Here am I, use me, send me,’ that pulls out all the stops for Me to act. It puts the ball in My court and I am a good ball handler.

“You may begin to write about these principles but await the fulfillment of the prophecies or their beginning to share them for the greatest harvest.

**“My son I am going to regulate your body hereafter. Remember My promise of robust health. That is necessary for My purpose – and that is why I will do so. That will glorify Me, My son.”**<sup>11</sup>

“Don’t look at your pastor as the example. Look at the Lord Jesus. He is your example. If you are still looking at your pastor to feed you as your only source, you have missed feasting at the Master’s table. His table is laden with unusual blessings awaiting your beckoned call. Yes, you must ask. You have not because you ask not. When you ask, the request must be so that He (the Master) will be glorified.<sup>12</sup>

“The spirit precedes the flesh or the physical. The Spirit was before the flesh, for the Spirit created the flesh. Therefore, ask boldly for Spiritual blessings that will glorify the Lord Jesus. Then as He responds, with the Spirit leading

<sup>10</sup>Notice the two sentences in this prophetic word **that are in bold fonts** are answers to my prayer which came six months and two days after my prayer on April 7, 2004. God has spoken to me and said, “Word prayers get my attention.”

<sup>11</sup>Note that this is another installment on my prayer which came seven months and three days after I prayed.

<sup>12</sup>It has been revealed to me that you cannot pray for too great a spiritual blessing **for yourself** provided the answer will glorify the Lord. When His glory is paramount, His results will be forthcoming. There is the basis for unlimited spiritual growth in this footnote and my life gives testimony to the reality of this statement.



the way, He will create – will provide for the financial – for the physical blessings of life. (Matthew 6:19-33).

**“My words are spirit and life. Spirit first and life second. Spirit first, the physical second. Pray bold prayers for spiritual blessings for His glory. That is the key to abundance.”**

**March 23, 2005, excerpted from rhema word received**

“Your ministry is an eleventh hour ministry and it will be prominent, My son. Prominent because the time is short and I need a servant who is totally devoted to Me and My cause, free of other encumbrances as are you. So you see, your station in life is important relative to your calling and election. Never in the annals of time has there been a time such as this. **We are in the last part of the eleventh hour. The time is past 11:30 and as I have said to you, I will reveal to you when this present (last) generation started. I can reveal that to you because of your trustworthiness.”**

**May 11, 2005, excerpted from the rhema word received**

“My son, I am just as anxious as are you for these works to become manifested in your life, but remember, this is My movement to gain the attention of the world and the church. Therefore be patient with Me since many others are involved with this last days, end-time preparation for My soon return. **My last generation has less than fifteen years left. So you see the imperative under which I am operating. This is a nugget I have been saving for you.** Keep it to yourself for the present. *In time, I will tell you how many years remain.* You see from this how much work we have to do. You may wish to revise slightly your Rapture calculation paper concerning timing now.”

**August 3, 2005, excerpted from the rhema word received**

“**February 23, 2005**” was on my mind upon awakening this morning. Later that morning these words were given in the middle of a two-page prophetic word, **“Concerning February 23, 2005, just remember that and the significance of that date will be made clear in time.”**

**August 7, 2005, excerpted from the rhema word received**

“My son, We are nearing the time of My announcement to you on the beginning of My last generation prior to the Rapture. At that time I will clarify the length of a generation to you as well. In the meantime, recheck bible information on this subject.”

**August 12, 2005, excerpted from the rhema word received**

“Yes, My son, that is the date and that will fit with the other prophetic words I have given you. Keep your mind open as to its application in your Vertical Rapture Clock. **February 23, 2005 is the starting point of the last fifteen years prior to the Rapture.** So you see that removes the error of the length of a generation. **Whether it is a Jubilee generation of fifty years or a generation of forty years is now of no significance once you know the beginning of the last fifteen years. What I have given you eliminates the possibility of calculation errors or mistakes. My son, when I speak there is no error, for I speak truth.”**

**January 7, 2006, excerpted from rhema word received**

“My son the last fifteen years are based on the 365/366 day year on your Vertical Rapture Clock. **A day is**

**a day. Years are comprised of days measured by the sun, not the moon in My word to you, says God, and may be used as the guide or measure of the years/months/days left in the fifteen years.** The Jewish lunar calendar is not an exact measure of time (although it may be used as a measure of prophecy) since periodically that calendar would have to be modified with additional days – months – so the seasons of the year would be synchronous with the calendar in regulating the feast days and the Jewish festive events.”<sup>13</sup>

(end of prophetic word)

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We learn from these nine prophecies given over a period of three years and thirteen days, that the year in which the Rapture will occur will begin on February 23, 2020 (a leap year). That leaves a 366 day window for God to close out the Church age. In a future letter I will be able to give you a smaller window.

Here is my point of emphasis on the Rapture: Read carefully the Rapture prophecy beginning on Page one, column two of this letter. Then devour the Gospels to see who Jesus accepted as His disciples. Therein lies the key to those who will be raptured. The Rapture is not a measure of salvation but a measure of who will be chosen to rule the earth with Christ beginning with Armageddon and the Millennium. Hallelujah!

**Israeli/Jerusalem confirmation of Rapture year**

The six-day war (June 5-10) of 1967 reunited Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty for the first time since 1948. Since Israel is God’s time clock, one may have misread the 1967 date. Interestingly enough, it was not until July 30, 1980, that the Israeli Knesset finally passed a law making Jerusalem, complete and united, the capital of Israel, the seat of the President of the State, the Knesset, the government and the Supreme Court. The law, signed by Menachem Begin, Prime Minister and Yitzehak Navon, President of the State, legally confirmed the result of the six day war of 1967.

If you will add to the year 1980 a forty-year generation, you get the year 2020, the year of the Rapture beginning on February 23, 2020, the date that God confirmed to me through the nine prophetic utterances published in this letter.

Had *THE WORLD THAT WAS* (Earth One) not failed, there would have been no need for the Rapture.

**Saints of God get ready. The King is coming!**

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<sup>13</sup>Notice that the details of the Rapture were given to me over a period of three years and thirteen days. Unless I had recorded those events in my journal, I would not have remembered the details. That is why I not only keep a journal, but transcribe, print and file in three-ring notebooks every prophetic word God gives to me. Those words are a treasure trove because they came from the mouth of God. It is essential to keep a journal as you learn to hear His voice daily. Otherwise you will not remember certain things that were important enough to Him to say to you. The words He says to you are spiritual Jesus that allow you to grow from one degree of glory to another. It is not unusual for the Lord to ask me to go back and reread things He has given to me in the past. When I do that, I am usually surprised and at times amazed that He may have been saying things to me for years before the Holy Spirit makes it clearly evident the meaning of His words. That is the way of the words of the bible and that is the way of the words He wants to say to you because they come from the same Source.